

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present

Dan Mandolesi, Vice President
Nick Lodise
Nick Toth
Doug Harris
Jim Pio

Staff in Attendance

Debbie Mahon, Mayor
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer
Kurt Ludwig, Water and Sewer President
Bob DeBias Solicitor
John Baran, Chief of Police
Bill Wheeler, Fire Marshall/Borough Mgr.

Council Members on Zoom: Thomas Wheeler, President - signed off at 8:30, Judy Coleman- signed off at 8:37

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff on Zoom: none

Staff Absent: Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary

Guests in Attendance: none

Call to Order: Dan Mandolesi called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Toth to approve council members attending by Zoom; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to approve the minutes of July 11 and 19, 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Public Comment: none

Police Report:

- Police Report - Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of July 2022: 17 Incidents, 1 Accidents, 3 Assists, 1 EMS, 12 Court, 0 Summary Citations, 38 Traffic Citations, 2 Criminal Arrests, 0 Parking and 0 Court for a total hour worked: 222 Total Salary

\$6,010.48. Note the department had no coverage on 7/15, 7/17, 7/25 and had partial shifts on 7/16 and 7/30. There were extra hours for the Rodeo Round Up.

Mayor:

- Officer Update - Mayor Mahon reported as of July 26th we are down one officer; we have some open shifts. Pennel Borough Police Department has been covering for Hulmeville Borough Police.
- Equipment Updates - The new speed limit recorder is up on Trenton Ave. The new police vehicle will arrive shortly and the garage needs to be cleaned out by the beginning of September. If the garage is not clean by September the Mayor is giving the Chief the authority to remove items. The Historical Society will remove their items.
- Issues in Borough - Mayor Mahon said there has been issues with ATV'S in the Borough. She is reminding everyone to video them. They are not to be on the road by law. Also noted there were no complaints from residents of the noise at the park. Ms. Mahon noted the non-emergency phone number for the police department is 215-328-8519. Ms. Mahon reported there has been a lot of parking on Walnut, Park, Green and Neshaminy Streets from people visiting the falls. People are leaving trash on the sides of the road. We need to remedy this. She said notes were put on windshields and would also like to ask the county if they can put up some signs. Mr. Pio asked if the government was signing a new law about the ATVs. Mr. Mandolesi is still concerned about the noise ordinance. He was just following-up. Ms. Coleman mentioned concerns of a home invasion on Walnut St, two men dressed like PGW workers, robbed the residents of jewelry. They have been in Bristol Township, Bristol Borough, Tullytown, and Pennel. A resident took a picture of the truck and the State police are working on it.

150th Committee:

- Next Scheduled Meeting – Mayor Mahon reported the next meeting for the 150th Committee is scheduled for August 3rd at 7:30. Everyone should have received their celebration invitations. Currently there are 25 tickets sold and there are only 150 being sold.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Act 167 & 537 Follow Up - Gilmore & Associates is still waiting to hear back from the state. Until Gilmore hears back from the state Mayor Mahon would like to hold off starting any project.
- Summer Newsletter - The summer Borough newsletter has been put on pause due to the need of printable information. Committees will be submitting information this week. Please send pictures of events to Debbie and she will forward to post to the social media sites.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – DEP will be doing permit inspections. Samantha Brinker from Gilmore and Associates will keep us informed of that inspection. Due to Covid-19, this has been postponed.

- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
 - Sump Pump inspection enforcement
 - Decide on sediment reduction project
 - Lawn and garden pick up 4/1-12/1 weekly

Borough Manager:

- WPFC Sign Donation – The WPFC has requested increasing the donation to the fire company for the WPFC/Emergency Management LED sign from \$15,000 to \$16,150. The total cost of the project is \$32,300 so half of that cost would be \$16,150.00.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Toth to approve to spend \$16,150.00 for donation to WPFC for LED sign; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0

Fire Marshal:

- Preparation for hurricane season - Mayor Mahon asked the Fire Marshal if the town was prepared for the upcoming hurricane season with regards to signage. Tom Wheeler said he would check on getting a sign saying “Road Closed Due to Flooding” or something similar from Middletown Township.

Emergency Management Coordinator: no report

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: no report

Water and Sewer:

- Sewer Line Work – The sewer line work will be completed next week.
- PLGIT Account - The Authority approved to transfer \$20,000.00 to the PLGIT account.
- Water Shut Off - Mr. Ludwig will meet with Ms. Slater to check for residents that will be posted for water shut off.
- Sale of BCWSA Sewer System - BCWSA had a municipality only meeting on July 25th but the Authority never received an invite to the meeting. There are concerns BCWSA is selling their sewer system to Aqua, and the process has raised concerns about transparency.

If the deal goes through there will be no increases for a year. The County is hoping to use the sale monies to help keep costs down. Aqua is twice the cost of BCWSA.

Borough Property: no report

Trash: No report

Lights: No report

Streets: no report

Personnel: No report

Finance: No report

Solicitor Report:

- Ratify Actions Taken at Work Session – Mr. DeBias asked council to adopt and ratify all actions taken at the July 19, 2022 work session.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Pio to ratify all actions taken at the July 19, 2022 work session; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- 520 Main St - 520 Main St has 4 Water and Sewer accounts which are delinquent on payments. Owner has tried to sell, but deals have fallen through.
- Zoning Hearing Board- Going forward the applicants will be responsible to send out notices to neighboring residents. The applicant will be required to send the notices with proof they were sent and received (green return receipt cards). If this is not complete the hearing will need to be delayed and rescheduling the meeting will mean additional cost for the applicant.
- RDA Grants- Applications for the RDA grants are due last business day in September by 4:30 PM. Applications are now submitted on line, and there needs to be proof of costs and quotes attached.
- Landscape Buffer at Preston's Garage – Mr. Pio inquired as to the next steps for getting the buffer at Preston's garage completed. Mr. Wheeler said if he has not received the letter, he will hand deliver Mr. Preston one. Mr. Wheeler notified the residents that the situation will take time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for August, 2022 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2022:	\$ 188,728.82
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -75,432.25
Income Totaled:	\$ 33,347.28
General Fund Checking Balance as July 31, 2022:	\$ 146,643.85
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2022:	\$ 51,048.70
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -23,103.28
Income Toted:	\$ 45,828.06
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 31, 2022:	\$ 73,773.48
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2022:	\$
• Interest Totaled:	\$ 0
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ 0
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of June 30, 2022:	\$ 221,052.77
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2022:	\$
Interest Totaled:	\$ 0
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ 0
Highway Aid PLGIT Balances as of June 30, 2022:	\$ 86,686.38
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1 2022:	\$
Interest Totaled:	\$ 0
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ 0
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of June 30, 2022:	\$ 879,452.69

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated July 28, 2022 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public.

• General Fund beginning balance as of August 1, 2022:	\$ 130,132.43
ending balance as of August 1, 2022:	\$ 118,719.13
• Sewer & Water beginning balance as of July 29, 2022:	\$ 62,058.53
ending balance as of August 1, 2022:	\$ 39,332.81

A motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated July 28, 2022; Motion carries 7-0-0.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Contribution to 150th – Mr. Wheeler would like to propose to council to consider an additional contribution of \$10,000 to the 150th celebration committee to assist in finishing out the events for the year. The 150th committee raised money to hold numerous events for all ages to be able to celebrate the anniversary. The committee managed to hold all the events for free or at a very low cost to the public. The committee is holding a celebration in the hall at the firehouse on September 18, 2022. In an attempt to keep the cost down to what they believe is a reasonable cost some assistance from the Borough is needed. Therefore, the committee is asking the Borough Council to consider contributing \$10,000 to this cause. Mr. Pio raised a concern of the amount of money and pointed out that it was not budgeted. Ms. McKairnes asked if the Borough could give \$5,000.00 now and see if they can make it work and if not give the rest. She also asked if there is the money that is left after the 150th is done, who does the money go to.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Toth to give \$10,000.00 to the 150th committee; Motion passed 6-1-0, Mr. Pio voted no.

- Clock at Memorial Park - Mr. Lodise asked if the clock is fixed at Memorial Park. Mr. Ludwig mentioned that parts are on order for the clock
- Garbage Bin – Mr. Lodise asked if the Girl Scouts are providing garbage bins at the Playground and field. Mr. Ludwig will ask Ms. Heald about the garbage bins.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Pio.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane McKairnes
Treasurer